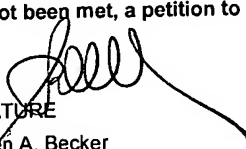


FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 064446-0014 U.S. APPLIC. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) Not yet assigned 10/531066
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO PCT/JP2004/005671	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE April 20, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 23, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICAL FIBER AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING THE SAME		
APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Yuji ABE, Koh CHIBA, Nobuya AKAIKE, Hiroshi HORI		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10. <input type="checkbox"/>	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	
Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13. <input type="checkbox"/> 14. <input type="checkbox"/> 15. <input type="checkbox"/> 16. <input type="checkbox"/> 17. <input type="checkbox"/> 18. <input type="checkbox"/> 19. <input type="checkbox"/> 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A preliminary amendment. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. A substitute specification. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Other items or information. 1. Front Page of Published International Application 2. International Search Report as prepared by JPO	

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				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Stage Fee \$300				\$300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100 All other situations \$200				\$200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(1)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400 All other situations \$500				\$400.00	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or compute program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				\$	
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction Thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
32-100	0/50=	0	X\$250	\$0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$0.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	40-20 =	20	x \$50.00	\$1,000.00	
Independent Claims	3-3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$360.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$2,260.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$2,260.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than the 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+	\$0.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$2,260.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	\$40.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$2,300.00	
				Amount to be refunded	\$0.00
				Amount to be charged	\$2,300.00
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of <u>\$2,300.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Customer Number 20277 Telephone: 202.756.8000 Facsimile: 202.756.8087 April 12, 2005 DATE</p> <p>SIGNATURE  Stephen A. Becker NAME 26,527 REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>					

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